THE SENATE OF MARYLAND

Rules

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Member of the majority party and a ranking Member of the minority party to each standing committee on the basis of seniority in the Senate.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection do not apply to the chairman and vice-chairman of each standing committee designated by the President.

(3) For purposes of appointments based on Senate seniority under paragraph (1) of this subsection, if two or more Members of the majority party or two or more Members of the minority party each began serving in the Senate on the same day and year:

(i) The majority leader shall determine which of those Members who are affiliated with the majority party shall be appointed as the ranking majority Member; and

(ii) The minority leader shall determine which of those Members who are affiliated with the minority party shall be appointed as the ranking minority Member.

(e) The vice-chairman shall act in the place of the chairman during the latter's absence.


(a) There are the following standing committees, the Members of which shall be appointed by the President at the beginning of each session of the General Assembly, each to have a membership as follows:

19. Select Committees.

There shall be select committees as designated by the President from time to time and entered in the Journal of the Senate.
(f) (1) In this subsection "county" includes Baltimore City.

(2) Notwithstanding other provisions of these Rules, a Senate bill or joint resolution introduced on behalf of the government of one county or of two counties that is introduced in the Senate after the prefile bill deadline that precedes the regular session:

(i) Shall be referred by the President to the Committee on Rules;

(ii) May not be required to be returned to the floor except upon the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of all the Members elected; and

(iii) May not be petitioned from the Committee.

33. Referral.

(a) Upon introduction, a bill or resolution shall be referred by the President to its appropriate committee, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

(b) All bills and resolutions shall be referred to a standing committee, except that those of a strictly local nature or amending a particular Code of Public Local Laws, and not having statewide implications, shall be referred to the appropriate select committee provided for in Rule 19.

(c) A proposed constitutional amendment always shall be referred to a standing committee.

(d) If there has been an incorrect reference to a committee of a bill, resolution, or other matter, the President, within 2 days of the original reference to a committee, may direct the chairman of the committee to return the bill, resolution, or other matter to the Senate in order that it may be referred to another committee. A committee without such a directive may return a bill, resolution, or other matter to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to another committee if, upon consideration of it, the committee determines that the bill, resolution, or other matter properly should be referred to another committee.

(e) A Senate Resolution shall be considered by the Senate without being referred to a committee.

(f) A suspension of the Rules is required in order to consider a bill or resolution without referring it to a committee. A copy of each bill or resolution proposed for consideration without being referred to committee shall be distributed to the desk of each Member.

34. Creation of Judgeships.

(a) Every bill, including proposed constitutional amendments, that creates one or more judgeships in any appellate court, any circuit court, or the District Court shall be referred by the President to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings and the Committee on Budget and Taxation, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

(b) In considering the bill, the committees shall:
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including any rules adopted pursuant to Section (b), printed with the House Journal for the regular or special session during which the executive session was held.

COMMITTEES

17. Appointment.

All committees shall be established and the members thereof appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise specially directed by the House. The Speaker shall designate a chairman and a vice-chairman for each committee appointed pursuant to this Rule. The vice-chairman shall act in the place of the chairman during the latter's absence.


(a) The following standing committees shall be established and the members thereof appointed by the Speaker at the beginning of each session of the General Assembly:

(1) Appropriations;
(2) Economic Matters;
(3) Environmental Matters;
(4) Health and Government Operations;
(5) Judiciary;
(6) Ways and Means;

(b) A member may not be appointed to more than one of the committees referred to in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this Rule.

(c) The minority representation on each committee, except the Rules Committee, shall be computed by determining the ratio of minority members in the House to the total membership of the House, applying the same ratio to the total membership of the committee, and resolving any fraction to the nearest whole number.

(d) There shall be such standing subcommittees as the House from time to time establishes.

19. Select Committees.

(a) As bills and resolutions are referred to a county delegation, or to the Baltimore City Delegation, that body shall be a select committee.

(7) Investigation, consisting of five Delegates and five Senators to serve as provided by Article III, Section 24, of the Constitution;

(8) Protocol;

(9) Rules and Executive Nominations; and

(10) Consent calendars, consisting of the Speaker, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader.
May not be petitioned from the Committee.

(1) A Senate Bill or a Senate Joint Resolution that is received by the House of Delegates after the 76th day of a regular session:

(i) Shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, unless otherwise directed by the Speaker;

(ii) May not be required to be returned to the floor except upon the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of all the members elected; and

(iii) May not be petitioned from the Committee.

(2) This subsection does not apply to the annual budget bill, a budget reconciliation bill, or to any bills authorizing creation of State general obligation debt or those amending prior State authorizations.

33. Referral.

(a) Upon introduction, a bill or resolution shall be referred to its appropriate committee. Unless otherwise ordered by the House, the Speaker shall make the referral.

(b) All bills and resolutions shall be referred to a standing committee, except that those of a strictly local nature or amending a particular

Code of Public Local Laws, and not having statewide implications, shall be referred to the appropriate select committee provided for in Rule 19(a).

(c) A proposed constitutional amendment shall always be referred to a standing committee.

(d) If there has been an incorrect reference to a committee of a bill, resolution, or other matter, the Speaker, within seven calendar days on which the full House met after the original reference to a committee, may direct the chairman of the committee to return the bill, resolution, or other matter to the House in order that it may be referred to another committee. A committee without such a directive may return a bill, resolution, or other matter to the House with the recommendation that it be referred to another committee if, upon consideration thereof, the committee determines that the bill, resolution, or other matter should properly be referred to another committee.

(e) A House resolution shall be considered by the House without being referred to a committee.

(f) A suspension of the Rules is required in order to consider a bill or resolution without referring it to a committee. A copy of each bill or resolution proposed for consideration without being referred to committee shall be distributed to the desk of each member.